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Public Scoping Webinars Planned for Grand Canyon National Park Bison Management Plan EIS

Grand Canyon, Ariz. - Grand Canyon National Park (GCNP) will hold two informational, online meetings as part of the scoping process for a bison management plan and environmental impact statement. The U.S. Forest Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, and Bureau of Land Management are cooperating agencies in the development of the plan and EIS. The plan will ultimately provide the basis for GCNP's participation in a long-term interagency approach to manage the current and future impacts of bison within GCNP, while supporting goals for a free-ranging bison population on the Kaibab National Forest.

The first informational meeting will be held on May 6, from 4 pm to 6 pm Pacific Time. The second meeting will be held on May 7, from 6 pm to 8 pm Pacific Time. Both meetings will start with a presentation and be followed by a question and answer session.

Space is limited at both Webinars, so individuals are encouraged to reserve a Webinar seat early. Registration Information is as follows:

May 6, 2014

Time: 4 pm to 6 pm PDT

Title: Public Scoping Webinar for Grand Canyon National Park Bison Management

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Register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/272848057

May 7, 2014

Time: 6 pm to 8 pm PDT

Title: Public Scoping Webinar for Grand Canyon National Park Bison Management

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Register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/484241881

After registering for one of the Webinars, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar.

System requirements are listed below.

PC-based attendees: Required Windows® 8, 7, Vista, or 2003 Server

Mac®-based attendees: Required Mac OS® X 10.6 or newer

Mobile attendees: Required: IPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phone or Android tablet

GCNP and its cooperators will also host three, in-person, open house meetings during the public comment period. These meetings are scheduled as follows:

Monday, April 28, 2014 Kanab Middle School 690 S. Cowboy Way Kanab, UT 84741 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29, 2014 High Country Conference Center 201 W. Butler Ave Flagstaff, AZ 86001 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30, 2014 Arizona Game and Fish Department Activities Center 5000 W. Carefree Hwy * Phoenix, AZ 85086

*please note the April 30 meeting address has changed – this is different than the one listed in our April 2nd news release found at http://go.nps.gov/13ogoi

Public comments will not be accepted during the web-based meetings; rather participants will be directed to the PEPC website to enter their comments. Participants wishing to submit comments should go to the National Park Service Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at www.parkplanning.nps.gov/grca_bison_eis and click on the 'Open for Comment' link to the left. Comments will also be accepted via U.S. Postal Service at Grand Canyon National Park, PO Box 129, Attn: Bison Management Plan EIS, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023; or at one of the in-person public meetings listed above. Public comments will be accepted through June 6, 2014.

Interested public are encouraged to visit the NPS PEPC website listed above for more information about this project. Additional information will be posted on this website throughout this process as it becomes available.

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